MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the present waiting room is also used as a garage?

MR. E. G. SALTER; No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the honourable member kindly enquire and find out whether it is used as a garage or not?

MR. E. G. SALTER: It is too small to be used as a garage.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I know that the room that is now called waiting room is used as a garage.

MR. E. G. SALTER: I have certainly seen it. There are two garages one on each side and in between there is a waiting room. The room is perhaps too small for a waiting room.

Plywood Factory Ltd., Travancore.

132 *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give the following information regarding the Plywood Factory Ltd., Travancore:

(*a*) whether the Travancore Government have taken any shares in it;

(*b*) what is the proportion in which the shares of the company are held by Travancoreans and non-Travancoreans;

(*c*) whether there is any contract between the Government and the Company, and if so, the terms of the contract;

(*d*) whether the company is paying any income tax to our Government;

(*e*) who are the managing agents of the Company;

(*f*) has any Travancorean submitted a proposal to start and conduct a similar concern; and

(*g*) have the Government invited any one in Travancore to take up the industry?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 50 per cent. each.

(*c*) Yes. A copy of the agreement is placed on the Secretary's table.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Sir Chinubhai & Sons, Travancore, Ltd.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) It was and is quite open to anyone in Travancore to start such an industry.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether any private industrial magnates in Travancore offered to take up the Plywood concern?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Have the Government taken the first step of calling indigenous talents before they went in for outside capitalists?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Government considered the best interests of the factory.

PRESIDENT: Before further questions are put I want to make the position clear. This is not a monopoly factory. As I have mentioned if any other entrepreneurs wanted to start Plywood factories, there is no objection to start any number of such factories. Government came

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to the conclusion that a firm which has done successfully a work which was done so unsuccessfully before in Travancore,viz., the work connected with the Rubber factory might be given a chance to start a Plywood factory. That does not prevent any Travancorean starting a Plywood Factory. I have promised 4 or 5 of them that exactly the same or better facilities will be givn, but till now no steps have been taken by those who have approached me.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know the amount of Income tax paid by them every year?

PRESIDENT: It is a well known law that nobody can know the amount of income tax paid by any person. It is a law recognised by all Governments and in most courts. The names of the various persons and the amounts paid by them are entirely confidential and any person who divulges that information is acting against the general trend of the law in this matter. If any officer divulges the income tax or super tax or excess profits tax paid by anybody he is liable to instant dismissal. It may be that higher officials may send for information or papers for certain purposes, if there are criminal or other proceedings in which the information will be useful. But otherwise the Head of the Government is not aware of the income tax paid by anybody in the State.

Appointment in the Public Service.

133 ✻ **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the policy underlying the appointment in the Public Service of the State:

(*a*) of non-Travancoreans; and

(*b*) of non-Travancoreans above the age of 55?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) Such appointments are made when the needs and exigencies of service require an exception being made to the general rule regarding recruitment to public service.

Non-Travancoreans in Government Service.

134 ✻**MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of Non-Travancoreans who have been appointed to places in Government service carrying a pay of Rs. 100 or more during the last five years and will the Government be pleased to give the reason for such appointments?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The time and labour involved in the preparation of the answer are disproportionate to its possible utility.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether it is because the number is so large that it is not easy to supply the information.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The answer is there and it is self explanatory.

Extension of service.

135 ✻ **MS. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state the principle pursued by Government in sanctioning extension of service to officers due to retire?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The member is referred to Article 304 T. S. R.

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